

THE ADVENTURES OF IO

GRAMMAR ASSUMED:

First & Second Conjugations:

Future & Imperfect;

Adjectives in -er

WHEELLOCK: CHAPTER 5

A myth that explains the reason behind a natural phenomenon, as the following story does, is called "aetiological."

Iuppiter, rēx deōrum, pulchram Iō amābat, sed iram Iūnōnis metuebāt. Mūtāvit igitur fōrmam Iōnis: "Iūnō nōn fēminam, sed bovem vidēbit," Iuppiter cōgitābat. Iūnō nōn stulta erat: "Habēsne dōnum, mī vir? Dabišne bellam⁵ bovem Iūnōnī? Dā, sī mē amās!" Iuppiter igitur Iūnōnī bovem dedit. Cum bove remanēbat magnus custōs, Argus. Argus centum oculos habēbat. Mercurius Argum superāvit, sed Iō nōndum lībera erat: malus aśilus cum bove manēbat. Iō errābat per terrās; multōs populōs vidēbat, sed vēram fōrmam suam nōn habēbat. Misera fēmina! Habēsne semper fōrmam bovis? Nōne satis est tua poena?⁷

Ira Iūnōnis nōn perpetua erat: Iuppiter Iōnī hūmānam fōrmam dedit; tum Iō filiū genuit. Centum oculos Argī vidēbitis in caudā pāvōnis.

1: Future tense: "will see" 2: Future: "will you give"

3: "her own" 4: Future: "will you have?"

5: bellus, -a, -um = pretty 6: verus, -a, -um = true 7: poena = punishment

8: Future: "you will see"

VOCABULARY:

Iuppiter, Iovis, m.: Jupiter (3rd declension)

rēx, rēgis, m.: king (3rd declension)

deus, -ī, m.: god

Iō, Iōnis, Iōnī, Iō, f.: Io, a Greek maiden (3rd declension)

Iūnō, Iūnōnis, Iūnōnī, f.: Juno, Jupiter's wife (3rd declension)

metuō, -ere, metuī (3rd conjugation): to fear

mūtō (1): to change; mūtāvit = he changed (perfect tense)

bōs, bovis, bovī, bovem, bove, f.: cow (3rd declension)

erat: she was (imperfect tense of est)

dedit: he gave (perfect tense of dat)

cum (preposition + ablative): with

custōs, -ōdis, m.: guard, watchman (3rd declension)

Argus, Argī, m.: Argus, large monster

centum (indeclinable adjective): one hundred

Mercurius, -iī, m.: Mercury, the messenger-god

superāvit: he conquered, overcame (perfect tense of superat)

nōndum (adverb): not yet

aśilus, -ī, m.: gadfly

per (preposition + accusative): through

terra, -ae, f.: land, country

suus, -a, -um: her own

miser, misera, miserum: unfortunate, wretched

nōne: introduces a question expecting a ~~positive~~ answer

perpetuus, -a, -um: perpetual

gignō, -ere, genuī, genitus (3rd conjugation): to produce, give birth to;

genuit = she gave birth to (perfect tense)

cauda, -ae, f.: tail

pāvō, pāvōnis, m.: peacock (3rd declension)